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1. US DELOFFS HELD CONSULTATIONS WITH GREEK DEL TO LOS
INTERSESSIONAL IN NEW YORK FEBRUARY 6-17. THE GREEKS INDI-
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CATED, AS THEY HAD TO THE SOVIETS, THAT THEY WANTED TO MAKE
CERTAIN MODIFICATIONS TO THE STRAITS CHAPTER. US SIDE
INDICATED THAT THE STRAITS CHAPTER HAD BEEN FULLY NEGOTIA-
TED AND WE FELT THAT CHANGES SHOULD NOT BE MADE. WE FELT
THAT THE ARTICLES WERE WRITTEN IN SUCH A WAY THAT GREEK
CONCERNS FOR SECURITY, POLLUTION AND SAFETY OF NAVIGATION
HAD BEEN ADDRESSED IN A MANNER WHICH COMMANDS WIDESPREAD

SUPPORT.

2. DURING THE INTERSESSIONALS THE SOVIETS INDICATED TO US THAT THEY THOUGHT THE GREEK PROPOSALS (IN THE SAME FORM PROPOSED IN 1976) WERE REASONABLE AND THAT THE US, USSR AND GREECE SHOULD MEET IN GENEVA. WE TOLD THE SOVIETS THAT WE THOUGHT THAT THE STRAITS ARTICLES SHOULD NOT BE AMENDED.

3. COMMENT: AMENDMENTS TO THE STRAITS ARTICLES CANNOT BE VIEWED MERELY IN THE US, USSR AND GREEK CONTEXT. THERE IS CLEARLY A TURKISH ELEMENT WHICH SHOULD NOT BE BROUGHT INTO THE LAW OF THE SEA NEGOTIATIONS. IT SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED THAT SPAIN ASKED FOR SUPPORT OF CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO THE STRAITS CHAPTER AND WERE ALSO TOLD THAT WE VIEWED THE STRAITS NEGOTIATION AS COMPLETED. ONLY A VERY FEW STRAITS STATES ARE OPPOSING THE TRANSIT PASSAGE ARTICLES. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT GREECE SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO EXPECT THE MODIFICATIONS SHE DESIRES. VANCE

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